

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 22-24 with the following:

--Fig. 2 is a view showing the flow of a procedure for ~~extracting embedded~~ embedding watermark information ~~from a watermark in an~~ image.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 10-16 with the following:

--Fig. 5A shows a display sample ~~203~~ 205 of ~~[[a]] color monitor screen~~ 205 203 on which the watermark embedding mode is set. Referring to Fig. 5A, the respective items are currently set to the contents enclosed in the boxes. According to this setting example, the “embedding” function is “ON”, the “type” of embedding is “invisible” embedding, and the embedding “strength” is “image quality priority”.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 4-10 with the following:

--When releasing operation is performed, an object image is formed on an image sensing sensor 301 (e.g., a CCD area sensor), and the image signal is A/D-converted by an A/D converter 302. The resultant signal is subjected to color interpolation and filtering in an image signal processing IC 303. The resultant data is temporarily stored in a DRAM 308 via a data bus 311. A timer 314 is also connected to data bus 311.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 28, lines 21-22 with the following:

--In the above manner, the user makes settings for image sensing modes and watermarking. As shown in Fig. 19, if “Auto” mode is selected in step S201, then in step S206 watermarking parameters are set for “Auto” mode in table 308a. If “P” mode is

selected in step S202, then in step S207 watermarking parameters are set for “P” mode in table 308a. If “Tv” mode is selected in step S203, then in step S208 watermarking parameters are set for “Tv” mode in table 308a. If “Av” mode is selected in step S204, then in step S209 watermarking parameters are set for “Av” mode in table 3081. If “M” mode is selected in step S205, then in step S210 watermarking parameters are set for “M” mode in table 308a.--